



## News Release

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# City to host ‘Forum on Race & Justice’ Citizens invited to submit questions for virtual town hall

**CLARKSVILLE, Tenn.** – The City of Clarksville will host a “Forum on Race & Justice” featuring a moderated discussion among leaders of government, law enforcement and faith-based organizations.

The virtual town hall event will be from 5-6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 30. It will be live streamed from the City Council Chambers on CDE Lightband Channel 3 and online at [www.cityofclarksville.com](http://www.cityofclarksville.com).

The community is invited to get involved in the forum by emailing questions in advance to [forum@cityofclarksville.com](mailto:forum@cityofclarksville.com) and then gathering with family and friends to hear the discussion. Some additional questions will be fielded from the audience via email and social media during the event.

Clarksville City Councilman Richard Garrett will moderate the discussion.

"The event is designed to address citizens concerns and frustrations over the indefensible murder of George Floyd and the mistreatment of protesters across America who have been tear gassed and beaten," Garrett said. "Local citizens have vented their emotions via protests in the streets, and now it's time for them to have a platform for discussion with elected officials and community leaders."

The panel will include Clarksville Mayor Joe Pitts and invited guests such as Montgomery County Mayor Jim Durrett, incoming Clarksville Police Chief David Crockarell, Sheriff John Fuson, state Sen. Bill Powers, state Rep. Jason Hodges, local NAACP leader Jimmie Garland, Pastor Anthony Daley and the Rev. David Allen. Gov. Bill Lee, U.S. Sen. Marsha Blackburn and U.S. Rep. Mark Green also will be invited to attend.

“The goal is to answer questions and open lines of communication to ensure Clarksville avoids confrontation and violence and serves as a model for other communities,” Mayor Pitts said. “Because of COVID-19 and social distancing, we can’t gather indoors for a large meeting, but we can use our technology and tools to host a meaningful community conversation.”

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